

**TROY CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE MEETING AGENDA
July 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Presentation of Agenda
Public Forum*

LOCAL LAWS

ORDINANCES

43. Ordinance Amending The Code Of The City Of Troy, Section 216-13, “Pool Use Fees And Operating Hours” (Council President Mantello, Council Member Gulli, Council Member Ashe-McPherson)

RESOLUTIONS

71. Resolution Establishing The Reimagine Troy Community Justice Services Work Group In Support Of The Black Lives Matter Movement (Council Member Zalewski, Council Member Steele, Council Member Cummings, Council Member McDermott)

* Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, this meeting shall be held remotely via videoconferencing. If you would like a statement added to the record as part of the public forum at the beginning of the meeting, please email your statement to the City Clerk at mara.drogan@troyny.gov at least 1 hour before the start of the meeting. Public forums for committee meetings are limited to agenda item.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TROY, SECTION 216-13,
“POOL USE FEES AND OPERATING HOURS”**

The City of Troy, in City Council convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Troy City Code Section 216-13 A (1) (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Fees for City residents are waived for 2020.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, _____, 2020

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REIMAGINE TROY COMMUNITY JUSTICE SERVICES WORK GROUP IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

WHEREAS, the senseless murders of George Floyd and many other people of color have focused our nation's attention on the structural and systemic racism throughout our culture; and

WHEREAS, the Black Lives Matter Movement has unified people in rallies throughout our country by calling for an end to injustices in a criminal justice system that unfairly targets Black people and people of color; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2020, an estimated 11,000 people attended a Rally for Black Lives in Troy, demonstrating peacefully for an end to racism and supporting systemic reforms; and

WHEREAS, through "Say Their Names" legislation and Executive Order 203, New York State has begun to address inequalities and to reimagine the State's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Troy City Council acknowledges painfully that racism has permeated our society for hundreds of years, marginalizing, discriminating against, and harming Black people and all people of color, and adversely affecting their opportunities for education, housing, employment, healthcare, and other necessities of civil life; and

WHEREAS, the Troy City Council believes in individual liberties, civil rights, human rights, and voting rights, and considers it our duty to defend democracy and oppose threats to Constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, as societal ills have increased, additional duties and responsibilities have been placed upon police and public safety officials, sometimes straining the relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council hereby advocates against racism and reaffirms these truths to be self-evident: that Black, Indigenous and all people of color (BIPOC) deserve equal protection under the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council pledges to seek solutions for the terrible wrongs done, so that regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender identity, or sexual orientation, we may truly become a nation "indivisible with liberty and justice for all"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council, in support of the Mayor's implementation of Executive Order 203, does hereby pledge to facilitate community conversations with key stakeholders and citizens as we reimagine and reexamine our system of justice and policing in the City of Troy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council does hereby create the Reimagine Troy Community Justice Services Work Group, to be assembled by the Council's Public Safety Committee and to be comprised of community leaders, clergy, police and public safety professionals, representatives of businesses and nonprofit organizations, and others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Work Group shall consist of nine (9) members who must be residents of the City of Troy and who will be chosen by the members of the Public Safety Committee within thirty (30) days of the passage of this legislation from among those who shall have submitted letters and resumes. The terms of Work Group members shall conclude on April 1, 2021, but may be extended by a vote of the City Council. The Chair of the Public Safety Committee or her designee shall serve as the convenor of the Work Group and as a nonvoting member in addition to the nine members. The Work Group shall determine its Chairperson. The Work Group shall begin its proceedings by September 1, 2020, thereafter meeting at least weekly. A report of the Work Group's recommendations will be presented to the Mayor and the City Council on or before February 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Reimagine Troy Community Justice Services Work Group shall hold listening forums and meet with stakeholders to gather public opinion, to research best practices in policing, and to develop policy recommendations that will assist the Mayor in identifying the needs of the communities served by the Troy Police Department, and that will promote trust, fairness, and legitimacy in law enforcement, by addressing racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color, all as required by Executive Order 203; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand; U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko; N.Y.S. Senators Neil Breslin and Daphne Jordan; N.Y.S. Assembly Members John McDonald and Jacob Ashby; and N.Y.S. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo.

Approved as to form, _____, 2020

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel

Memo of Support

The “Reimagine Troy Community Justice Services Work Group” will begin citizen engagement and dialogue around the delivery of public safety in the Collar City, in response to the Black Lives Matter Movement, “Say Their Names” legislation and Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 203.

The Work Group will serve as a citizen-driven think tank that will explore best practices in Troy and other communities to inform the City’s development of future policies. A critical piece will include broad-based participation by folks committed to listening and open to potential change

Work Group’s conversations will also help develop a dialogue between police and citizens as we work together to make our community a safer place for all.